

# TOWNE HALL NEWS

City of Woodstock, Georgia

December 2016

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## Christmas Tree Safety Tips from the Woodstock Fire Department

As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart!

A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can spread very large very fast.

The Woodstock Fire Department would like to remind you of these helpful tips from the National Fire Protection Association:

**Picking the tree:** Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

**Placing the tree:** Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk. Make sure the tree is at least 3 feet away from any heat source like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights. Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit. Add water to the tree stand daily.

**Lighting the tree:** Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing lab. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use. Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect. Never use lit candles to decorate the Christmas tree. Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

After Christmas, get rid of the tree or get rid of the tree once it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and to make them last longer.

On behalf of the men and women of the Woodstock Fire Department, I wish you and yours a very happy and safe holiday season.

-Sgt. George Williams



## December Calendar ...

### December 1 - 18

Santa's Mailbox  
Park at City Center gazebo

### December 1

Planning Commission Meeting  
7p, Chambers at City Center

### December 2

Friday Night Live  
Christmas on Main  
6p-9p, downtown Woodstock

### December 3

Christmas Jubilee &  
Parade of Lights  
5:30p, downtown Woodstock

### December 5

Warriors' Watch Riders  
Spaghetti Dinner  
5p, Magnolia Hall

### December 12

Mayor and City Council Meeting  
7p, Chambers at City Center

### December 19

Mayor and City Council  
Work Session - CANCELLED

### December 23-26

CITY HALL ADMINISTRATIVE  
OFFICES ARE CLOSED

### December 26

Mayor and City Council  
Work Session - CANCELLED

# STAY CONNECTED...

## Facebook:

City Hall @woodstockgagovt  
Fire Department @wfdga  
Police Department @wpdga  
Economic Development/DDA @dtwoodstock  
Parks and Recreation @Woodstockparksandrecreation



## Twitter:

Fire Department @WoodstockFD  
Police Department @WoodstockPD  
Economic Development/DDA @dtwoodstock



## Instagram

Economic Development/DDA @downtownwoodstock  
City Hall @woodstock\_ga



## YouTube

Economic Development/DDA @downtownwoodstock  
City Hall @CityofWoodstock,Georgia



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<https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/BF64AA522EE3>

## Websites

[www.woodstockga.gov](http://www.woodstockga.gov)

<http://visitwoodstockga.com>

[www.woodstockconcertseries.com](http://www.woodstockconcertseries.com)

## WOODSTOCK ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Donnie Henriques	<a href="mailto:dhenriques@woodstockga.gov">dhenriques@woodstockga.gov</a>
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Ward 5: Bud Leonard	<a href="mailto:bleonard@woodstockga.gov">bleonard@woodstockga.gov</a>
Ward 6: Rob Usher	<a href="mailto:rusher@woodstockga.gov">rusher@woodstockga.gov</a>

## DEPARTMENTS

City Hall: 770-592-6000  
Mayor & Council: 770-592-6001  
City Manager: 770-592-6001  
City Clerk: 770-592-6002  
Community Development: 770-592-6050  
Development Services: 770-592-6036  
Utility Billing: 770-592-6006  
Economic Development: 770-592-6056  
Human Resources: 770-592-6007  
Parks and Recreation: 770-517-6788  
Public Works: 770-592-6038  
Fire: 770-926-2302  
Police: 770-592-6030

20<sup>th</sup> Annual



City of Woodstock

# Christmas Jubilee Parade of Lights

## Saturday, December 3, 2016

**Parade Route & Road Closures:** Roads close at 4:45 pm Parade starts at Woodstock Elementary School on Rope Mill Road down Main St. to Sam's Club at Hwy. 92. *Visit website for parade & parking maps and road closures. Rain or Shine, unless inclement weather!*

### Before the parade:

- **2:00 pm** – Start your day at the Elm Street Theater's free performance of *A Christmas Carol* and stay afterward for the parade right outside the theater! Bring a can of stew, chili, chunky soup, peanut butter, or monetary donation as your ticket to benefit Papa's Pantry. [www.elmstreetarts.org](http://www.elmstreetarts.org)
- **4:30 pm** – Stop by the park and have dinner with our food vendors, or take it to your seat and enjoy during the parade, lots of restaurants nearby!
- **5:00 pm** – Ready, Set, Go! Watch the 3k Egg Nog Jog just before the parade.
- **5:30 pm** – Here comes the parade with lots of lights and Santa!

### After the parade: The Park at City Center: (101 Arnold Mill Rd.)

- **Santa** – Come visit with Santa in the Gazebo!
- **Official Lighting** - Park and Christmas tree lighting
- **Awards** – Best Holiday, Most Original & People's Choice Parade Floats & Citizen of the Year
- **Free Cupcake Decorating** for the kids with cookies and cider sponsored by Darleen Prem Photography, Trickum Publix and Woodstock's Parks and Recreation Department.
- **Free Moonwalk** – Brought to you by Colby Family Chiropractic!
- **Ronnie the DJ**, vendors, and food vendors before, during, & after the parade!
- **Free Kids Activities** and inflatables in the park provides fun for all ages!
- **I-Care** is collecting new toiletries, blankets, towels, socks, gloves, and hats for the homeless of Cherokee County. For more info, e-mail [DarleenPrem@gmail.com](mailto:DarleenPrem@gmail.com).
- **Santa needs your help!** Please bring an unwrapped toy to The Park for the *Woodstock Jaycee's Christmas Toy Drive*. We appreciate your support!
- **Santa's Mailbox** at the Gazebo! Have the kids bring their letters to Santa and they will receive a personalized letter back from him! *Available December 1<sup>st</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>.*

City of Woodstock Parks and Recreation Department  
770-592-6000 ext. 1952 ~ [mstockdale@woodstockga.gov](mailto:mstockdale@woodstockga.gov)



# STOCKing the elf

On December 1, STOCKing arrived in Woodstock. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook to see the mischief that he gets into around Woodstock!

Facebook - @woodstockgagovt

Instagram - @woodstock\_ga



## It's time for the 6th annual Spaghetti Dinner with Santa & Mrs. Claus!

**Location:** Woodstock Magnolia Hall, 108 Arnold Mill Road  
**Date/Time:** Monday, December 5, 2016 5:00PM until 8:30PM

**Cost:** \$15 per person  
(or give a new un-wrapped toy worth \$15 or more)

*100% of all funds collected to be donated to the Woodstock Public Safety Foundation's "Shop with a Hero" program*

**Children under 12, Law enforcement, Fire, & Rescue officials in uniform eat free.**  
**Everyone will have an opportunity to have their picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus.**

RSVP: Al "Hippie" Minella, State Coordinator [WWRHippie@att.net](mailto:WWRHippie@att.net)  
or Tom Hunt, Georgia Warriors' Watch Riders at [TMT-1@comcast.net](mailto:TMT-1@comcast.net)



Hosted by Warriors' Watch Riders in support of  
Marine Corps League's "Toys for Tots" and  
Woodstock Public Safety Foundation's "Shop with a Hero"



# Christmas Tree *Chip n Dip*

Olde Rope Mill Park  
December 26 – January 10  
8 am to Dusk

Dispose of your Christmas tree the environmental way!  
Bring your Christmas Trees to Olde Rope Mill Park and we  
will feed them into the city chipper. The following week,  
bring a shovel and “dip” into the free mulch!

Olde Rope Mill Park is near the intersection of Woodstock Parkway and Ridgewalk  
Parkway just north of downtown Woodstock at I-575 Exit 9.

*Please no decorations, stands, or flocked trees.  
Flocked trees are poisonous  
to our river and animals in the park.*

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## “Bring One for the Chipper”

Olde Rope Mill Park  
January 7, 2017  
9 am – 4 pm

Bring your Christmas tree, pick up some  
*free tree seedling and seeds* while they last.  
Enjoy some coffee, hot chocolate, and donuts, too!

Hosted by the *City of Woodstock*



# REMINDERS

## CITY HALL CLOSED

City Hall Administrative Offices  
will be closed December 23-  
December 26 & January 2, 2017

## PROPERTY TAXES

**Due by December 20, 2016.**

For questions, please contact City of  
Woodstock Finance Department at  
770-592-6051 or  
[finance@woodstockga.gov](mailto:finance@woodstockga.gov)

## LEVEL 2 DROUGHT DECLARED FOR OUR AREA

November 17, 2016 - until further notice

During a Level 2 Drought Response, outdoor landscape watering is only allowed two days a week determined by odd and even-numbered addresses.

*Even-numbered addresses and properties without numbered addresses* may water on Wednesday and Saturday between 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.

*Odd-numbered addresses* may water Thursday and Sunday between 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.

### **Prohibited outdoor water uses include:**

- Washing hard surfaces such as streets and sidewalks.
- Water for ornamental purposes, such as fountains.
- The use of fire hydrants, except for firefighting and public safety.
- Non-commercial washing of vehicles.
- Non-commercial pressure washing.
- Fundraising car washes.

Drought Management Strategies **implemented by the City of Woodstock** as mandated by EPD are:

- Public Info campaign that goes significantly beyond the minimum Level 1 campaign
- Require restaurants provide water only upon request
- Suspension of street cleaning program (but keep dry pickup of debris and other)
- Implement or accelerate leak detection and repair program

### **Additional information is available from the following sources:**

Conservation information is available at  
<http://epd.georgia.gov/water-conservation>.

Rules for Drought Management are available at  
<http://rules.sos.ga.gov/gac/391-3-30>

Climatic indicators are available at  
<http://epd.georgia.gov/water-conservation>